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Press Release

Sign replacement project coming on U.S. 82 in Otero County

Cloudcroft - The New Mexico Department of Transportation (NMDOT) began replacing traffic signs on U.S. 82 and N.M. 244 in Otero County this week, to ensure safety and that the signs meet federal standards.

The project began late September and is to be completed by mid-March 2014. Motorists will encounter short lane closures in areas without shoulders and should see no signification delays.

The signs, located along approximately 45 miles of state highway, will include new retro-reflective materials that make the sign brighter and more readable at night, as well as sign posts designed to break away if struck by a vehicle.

“What looks like a perfectly good sign in the daytime may not reflect properly at night,” said Jerry Hickman NMDOT Tularosa Project Manager. “It’s important for NMDOT to replace aging and weathered signs with newer, brighter signs for improved visibility and safety.”

Additional work will include striping and improvements to two safety ramps along U.S. 82 between Cloudcroft and Alamogordo.

For up-to-date information on this work, visit the NMDOT road advisory web site at nmroads.com.

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